

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 15-19 have been examined. Claims 2, 6, 15, 16, 18 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 17 are all the claims pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 8 and 10 have been amended. Since claims 1, 5, 8 and 10 have been amended merely to place the claims a condition for allowance and since the amendments do not introduce any new issues for consideration, the amendments should be entered by the Examiner.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 19 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims (claims 2 and 18). Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 2, 18 and 19. Thus, claim 1 should be allowable. Similarly, independent claims 5, 8 and 10 have also been amended to include these features. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 5, 8 and 10 should be allowable for similar reasons.

Claims 1-10 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Urs et al., (US Patent No. 6,292,781) in view of Cohen et al. (US Patent No. 7,082,397). In view of the aforementioned claim amendments, Applicants submit that the rejections are moot, and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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